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Alberta Farmers Respond Nobly

That the farmers of Alberta can be relied upon to do their duty at all times, has again been proved by their action in dealing with the question of greater food production at their annual convention. Without discussion and without a dissenting vote they adopted the following resolution.

Whereas, from the reports which have reached us from time to time regarding the food situation in the Allied countries of Western Europe, it is evident that the people of these countries are in danger of a serious food shortage in the near future.

And whereas, owing to the insufficient ships to convey foodstuffs over long distances, the sources of supply are limited to Canada and the United States.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the United Farmers of the Province of Alberta, in Convention assembled, hereby pledge ourselves to do our utmost, to promote as far as possible in our respective districts, the cause of greater food production, both of wheat and meat.

Be it further resolved, that while we believe that greater results would be obtained if some kind of assurance could be given of permanence of prices, especially of live hogs, and some kind of protection against violent fluctuations in prices, [both of which we deem to be reasonable and feasible] yet in view of the statements

of the Food Controllers of both Canada and the United States that this protection is impossible, we are prepared, for the present at least, to withhold judgement on this matter.

Be it further resolved, that we believe that the practice of docking smooth hogs weighing more than 250 lbs. is detrimental to the cause of greater food production, and we would suggest that the Executive of this Association present this matter to the Food Controller and to the Live Stock Commissioner of Canada with a view to having a higher limit of weight placed on smooth hogs by the packing companies.

Be it further resolved, that the Executive endeavor through proper channels, to have the representative of the Dominion Live Stock Commissioner on the various markets of the country appointed arbitrator to determine the amount of docking that shall be made on light pigs, stags and aged sows.

Need More Money

The Saskatchewan Farm Loans' Board, which held a meeting in Regina last week, hopes to be in a position to get sufficient funds shortly to accommodate the farmers who have applied for money. The financial position of the board is practically the same as when the Saskatchewan Greater Production Loan sale was called off on account of the Victory Loan Campaign. Applications in the hands of the Board aggregate \$7,000,000, with over \$1,250,000 approved. Owing to

To Help Taxpayers

The advisability of giving a rebate or bonus on taxes paid before the end of the year at the rate 1½ per cent. on those paid in October, 1 per cent. on those paid in November, and ½ per cent. on those paid in December, was discussed at the meeting of the legislature committee of the Winnipeg city council recently.

The city at the present time pays 6 per cent. to the bank for its overdraft required in lieu of the taxes that might be paid before the end of the year. It was contended that the rebate would be about equivalent to the amount of interest on the overdraft and it would represent so much saving to the ratepayers.

After the end of the year a charge of ½ of 1 per cent. is made on the arrears of taxes, and an additional ½ of 1 per cent. is added for every subsequent month on which the taxes remain unpaid. It was suggested that if the taxes were paid before the 15th of January that only half of the ½ of 1 per cent. interest should be charged, the same principle to apply on every succeeding month.

The whole object of these changes is to induce taxpayers to meet their obligations earlier, thus saving money to themselves and to the city.

some farmers to whom money had been allotted having made other arrangements, it has been possible to consider and pass on a few more applications.

Local and Personal

H. M. Brooks returned on Monday from the East, where he has been spending his winter holidays. He reports that the weather has been very severe there.

Christian services will be held in St. Mary's Anglican Church on Sunday next. Morning service, 11 a.m. Sunday School 2:30 p.m. Evening service, 7 p.m.

The U. S. Government has ordered confiscation of \$2,000,000 appeal bond given by the German Government over steamship Appam controversy.

London County & Westminster Bank of London, with deposits of \$585,850,000, has absorbed Parr's Bank with \$305,500,000 deposits, making \$889,550,000 combined deposits.

Fifteen 4,000 ton ships in the Great Lakes trade have been requisitioned by the Shipping Board. They will be cut in halves and brought through the locks to the seaboard.

OLOUS GOT SOCKS

The following is taken from the "Herald," Grant County, Minnesota:

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brekke this week received two letters from their son, Olous, who is in France. They were mailed at the same time, although several weeks elapsed between the writing. Mr. Brekke received the letters his father sent him, and also received the articles sent him by the Elbow Lake branch of the Red Cross. Owing to the strict censorship, little concerning the war and conditions in France can be related. The letters are interesting, nevertheless, and follows:

Dec. 17.—Just a few lines to-night to let you know that I am still alive and well. I just received another parcel from you containing a pair of socks, pipe, clove and smoking tobacco, comb and tooth-brush. The pipe was the most welcome of all, as I have been smoking an old pipe that I bought in England over a year ago. I was thinking of asking you to send me one when the parcel arrived. The socks that you knitted, mother, are as warm as army socks, and as the weather is rather cold just now they sure are welcome; so were the other things. Thanks very much for them all.

I have also received a parcel from the Red Cross Society of Elbow Lake, and I am going to write each of them a letter of thanks. It was most unexpected, I being a stranger to them and still they were thinking of my comfort. I only wish I could thank them personally for the useful things they sent me.

JAN. 2.—This letter will have to go along with the one I wrote Dec. 17th. I should have

sent it long ago, but I have been moving about quite a lot lately and never got round to do it before. I have been in Belgium since I wrote to you last. I have gone through delayed by censor and saw the

ruins of some of the finest buildings anyone could wish to see. Am back in France again now. I am writing these lines in a dug out. It is not a very big place, but it is comfortable. Best wishes to you—OLOUS.

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Seed Grain

Distribution

The Government of Alberta purposed an Act at the present session of the legislature empowering the Municipalities and Local Government Districts throughout the Province to supply seed grain to farmers in their municipalities or Local Improvement District who have been halted out, or whose grain crop has been killed by drought during the past year. The Government will arrange to endorse these Municipalities and Local Improvement Districts at some chartered bank to obtain the money at reasonable rates, the municipality or Local Improvement District to receive the applications for seed grain and distribute the same, take the notes for it and make the collections when due.

The difficulty in the past with the distribution of seed grain has been the cost of collection for the same over so wide an area as the entire provinces of Alberta. With each Municipality or Local Improvement District having charge of this matter, the secretary of this local unit will be in close touch with the farmer who receives seed grain and can attend to both the distribution and collection at a minimum cost. The Seed Grain Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture has made purchases of seed grain throughout the Province of Alberta and have this grain now stored in the Dominion elevator.

Flavoring extracts, Vanilla, Lemon, Orange, for sale at Brown's drug store.

UNITED CHURCH

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NO RELIANCE CAN BE PLACED ON ENEMY'S WORD

Peace With German Government Would Not Be Worth a Scrap Of Paper, as Officialdom Has Not Changed Since 1914, When Sacred Treaties and International Law were Disregarded

The announcement in the Berlin Telegram that the industrial region of Poland was to be annexed to Prussia is a significant commentary on the attitude of the world of the German Reich. All the talk about the possibility to Polish delegates regarding the future of Poland, it is regarded as no longer whatever can be placed on the word of those who now speak of the word of Germany. The military party is supreme.

The Wilson was right when he set aside the German demands, and was considering the question of "peace by agreement and understanding," rather than the question of "war or peace."

He presented books for a satisfactory and permanent peace only through a peace without annexation and without demand on the German Junkers for a peace of governments.

The German, now free from Germany, is pointing to the lignite of the rebus by the warlords. Russia is to be won over, and the world is to be made as it is at home off, and Germany, the real Germany, demands her pound of flesh. The German good faith are now beginning to realize that the German government, which was won over by the Wilson, is far apart as the poles, and can never arrive at a peace that will bring the Wilson's peace out for plunder, and will not relinquish her hold on the industrial regions of Poland, which she has seized by a superior military power. It was never the intention of Germany to go to war with Russia, nor to negotiate with the Bolshevik government. That is why the German government, which was won over by the Wilson, is in the saddle at Berlin, and will resort to all the violence to prevent the allies reaping the fruits of victory by an agreement and understanding, and the peoples of the warring nations.

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On the other hand, will the allies conclude peace, Russia, like the other allies, leaning to distinguish between the German government and the German people? The German government is cut for annexation.

The Wilson is to be won over to the fact that the Junkers at Berlin mete out to her, Can Russia longer doubt on the Wilson's peace? They hope security!—Toro Globe.

U. S. To The Rescue

Will Supply Needs of British Colonies for Foodstuff

British colonies in the Atlantic which depend entirely on the United States for foodstuffs and other supplies, will have their needs taken care of, if the Wilson's peace is given to Sir William L. Allison, governor of the Bahamas is handed over to the control of Washington with British and American authorities.

The West Indies, Jamaica and the Bermudas, as well as other small English West Indian colonies, have faith in the Wilson's peace, and export regulations of the United States, and they are remaining troops of the British fleet from the United States should recognize them as co-belligerents.

Words for Posterty

Mr. Lloyd George uttered words which will be recalled on the day of victory and peace, and will be again when he said: "It is the time for the nation to plant its most firm roots in the soil of the British Empire, to square its shoulders to bear the increased weight cast upon it by every man, woman and child, until it is necessary to keep before the allies at the moment when German strength is broken from the front."

Le Temps (Paris).

"Edgar?"
"Yes, mother?"

"What are you children doing?"

"Playing rosy, I am a knight of the Garter, and Edwin is Saturday."

"That is an odd name for royalty?"

"Oh, it is just a nickname on account of his name."

"What is the title?"

"Night of the Bath!"—Youngstown Telegram.

His Complaint

Doctor—My daughter, madam, is suffering from constitutional inertia.

The Girl—There, ma! And you're saying I am simply lazy.

British Columbia imported \$18,000,000 worth of foodstuffs last year, most of which could have been produced at home.

A Fearless Leader

Gallant Officer Charged Hung Single-handedly to Death There To Stop

Stirring episode of the heavy fighting at Cambrai with regard to the withdrawal of our line from wounded men. When the Germans pressed forward, the D.S.O., made journeys over a heavily shelled area of the battle-field setting an example of fearlessness and energy. Lieut-Col. Robert Patterson, cavalry, of Winnipeg, a gallant, fearless and careful organization, caused a successful and gallant four-line assault on the Germans. Major Ralston of Amherst, N.S., received the D.S.O. for supervising the attack after his wound was dressed although still in the field.

Why did he do it? He had been shot in the head, but still fought on.

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Dr. T. C. Baker, returned on Friday, from a trip to Jenner.

N. D. Storey, made a business trip to Estuary, on Monday.

Knitting Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Stoudt Thursday evening this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Mack, were Empress visitors on Wednesday.

Dr. Rourke, left on Wednesday on a holiday trip to the coast.

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We are informed that Lieut. A. E. Thorne, who formerly farmed in the Leland district, has been awarded the military cross. Lieut. Thorne led a charge of thirty-five men in an attempt to take an enemy trench, only ten men returned. He was internally wounded, and was blind for four complete days.

R. G. McFutre, made a trip to Leader, Sask., on Tuesday.

J. I. Stoudt, made a business trip to Estuary, on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. R. Pound, of Atta, Alta., is visiting Mrs. Pybus at the Manse.

On Friday, March 15th, a two-act play entitled "A Pair of Idiots" will be staged at the Grand Theatre, by local talent, under the auspices of the ladies organization of the Union Church. This play promises to be of more than usual interest and success. The proceeds will be devoted to the current fund of the United Church.

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